

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:531
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SUPPLY OF KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of kerosene supplied through the Public Distribution System (PDS) chain in 2011;
- (b) whether the Government is proposing direct cash transfer to reduce pilferage of kerosene;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes / have set up a committee to ascertain the feasibility of cash transfer for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) : The Government has made allocation of 1,03,65,726 KL of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene to the States/ Union Territories (UT) for the year 2011-12.

(b) to (e): The Government had constituted a task force headed by Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI in February, 2011 to recommend and implement a solution for direct transfer of subsidies on PDS Kerosene, domestic LPG and Fertilizers to intended beneficiaries. The task force submitted an interim report in July, 2011 which envisages a phase-wise transfer of subsidy. A Pilot Scheme for direct transfer of cash subsidy on PDS Kerosene has been launched in Kotkasim Tehsil of Alwar District (Rajasthan) w.e.f. 5th December, 2011.